

TOC H BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL

THE ORDER OF SERVICE AT
BOURNVILLE, BIRMINGHAM
at 5 p.m., on SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 3rd,
1932.



HYMN

*The congregation
will stand.*

O Joyful Light, O Glory of the Father,
Holy, beloved Jesu Christ, our Lord !
Now without fear we see the darkness gather,
For that on us Thy evening light is poured.

All through the night, whatever storm assail us—
Passion or pain, despair and shame and loss—
Thou, till the day, wilt hold and never fail us,
Victor before us of the bitter Cross.

Never the path so lost, but in Thee only
Trusting, we see, and, seeking, find a way :
Strength of the tempted, Brother of the lonely,
Out of our darkness bringest Thou the day.

Lo, having Thee, we lose not one another,
Sundered—united, dying but to birth ;
All worlds are one in Thee, O more than Brother,
One is our family in Heaven and Earth.

O Light of Light, who givest also laughter,
Master of men, who settest servants free,
We build Thy House for them that follow after,
Serving the brethren in service unto Thee.

So shine in us, our little love reproving,
That souls of men may kindle at the flame ;
All the world's hatred, broken by our loving,
Shall bow to Love, Thine everlasting Name.

Therefore to Thee be praises and thanksgiving,
Father and Son and Comforter Divine ;
We lift our voice and sing, with all things living,
Giver of Life, the Glory that is Thine.

B. B.

PRAYERS

*All remain
standing.*

O Lord God, grant that we may endeavour to get those things for which we are to pray unto Thee. *Amen.*

Lord of all power and might, Who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts and into the hearts of all men everywhere the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

All join in.

O God, who hast so wonderfully made To H, and set men in it to see their duty as Thy will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace ; to check all bitterness ; to disown discouragement ; to practise thanksgiving, and to leap with joy to any task for others. Strengthen the good thing thus begun ; that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may work for Thy Kingdom in the wills of men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSON

*The congregation
will be seated.*

Then the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him : but some doubted. And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying : All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost : teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you : and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (*Matt. 28, 16*).

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And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire ; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (*Acts 2, 1*).

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We are gathered once again to give thanks to God for His good hand upon us in the past year, and to gaze anew upon His glory that we may set our feet firmly in the Way of Light for the days to come. Therefore, that we may go forward in confidence, mindful of the purpose which we believe God hath for this our family, I bid you stand and harken once again to the

MAIN RESOLUTION

All stand.

“Remembering with gratitude how God used the Old House to bring home to multitudes of men that behind the ebb and flow of things temporal stand the eternal realities, and to send them forth strengthened to fight at all costs for the setting up of His Kingdom upon Earth ; we pledge ourselves to strive :

“To listen now and always for the voice of God ;

“To know His Will revealed in Christ and to do it fearlessly, reckoning nothing of the world’s opinion or its successes for ourselves or this our family ; and towards this end ;

“To think fairly, to love widely, to witness humbly, to build bravely.”

HYMN

Out of Many into One
Are we fashioned this night.
God, to us no winter sun,
Bids the lame lead on to light.
Father, who are Fount and Thirst !
Christ, men's Hunger and their Meat !
Spirit-knit, though world dispersed,
Stand we, fearing, round Thy feet.

*During the singing of
this verse General Sir
Charles Harington,
G.B.E., will hand over
Flanders Crosses to
MERTHYR-TYDFIL,
KAMPALA (Uganda)
and LEYTONSTONE
Branches.*

Out of violence, virtue shone.
This one thing defied the stream,
Where the spate of death swept on,
Stood God's Torture-Tree supreme.
Rising from a Flanders tomb,
While the world yet deem'd Him dead,
His the lamp that lights our room,
His the Hand that breaks our Bread.

Out of heart-break, hope is born.
Rough the road to Promised Lands,
Bruising flint and piercing thorn ?
Fire and tinder 'neath your hands !
Thus, though sword and sea divide,
God's love knows no East and West.
Where's the man would stand aside
From the tide of being blest ?

Blest is he who lives in thrall
To the empery of good.
Blest the Master of us all,
Reigning richly from His Rood.
God, who makest glad our youth,
Keep us from presumptuous pride.
So we may live out Thy truth,
And constrain Thee to abide.

Grey-flecked head, and eager boy,
Gownsmen, townsman, pastor, priest,
Troubadours of toil and joy,
Gather to this Household feast.
In the tuneful hearts of friends
Better music ne'er was blown :
From the land where hatred ends
Comes " Amen " in antiphon.

P. B. C.

BIDDING PRAYER

*All remain
standing.*

Ye shall pray for the whole brotherhood of Christian people dispersed throughout the world ; for our family of Toc H ; and especially for Toc H overseas.

And herein I require you to pray for the good estate of our Sovereign Lord, King George, for Edward, Prince of Wales, our Patron, and all the Royal Family.

Ye shall also pray for the ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments, especially Philip Byard Clayton, our Founder Padre, the Administrative Padres, and all the Association and Branch and Group Padres in our Movement.

Ye shall also pray for the Central Council of Toc H and more especially those who are members of the Central Executive ; for the Area Councils and Executives ; for all District Committees and those who are leading and guiding the Branches and Groups.

That all these in their several callings may live in the faith and fear of God, in loyalty to the main objects of Toc H and in brotherly charity one towards another.

Finally, ye shall praise God for our Elder Brethren, and pray for grace to direct our lives after their good example ; that this life ended, we may be partakers with them of the glorious resurrection in the life everlasting : through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us thus to pray :

All join in

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

*The congregation
will be seated.*

THE SERMON

By the Rev. O. S. WATKINS, C.M.G., C.B.E.

*After the Sermon the congregation will remain seated in silence
for the space of three minutes.*

*The congregation
will stand.*

EUROPE'S LITANY

Father, take Thou this hour into Thy hands,
For Thy Name's sake.
Pour down Thy power on all be-wintered lands.
Where brave hearts break.
Men that are men go mourning, and confess
No resurrection unto righteousness.

Prince of True Peace, re-crucified in Wars,
Fierce are men's fears.
Summon the saints, whose souls are lit like stars :
Take Thou their tears.
Teach the new world the new world-neighbour needs.
Dethrone despair, transmute good dreams to deeds.

Thou Holy Ghost, Thy Grace upon our youth
Rise, shine and shed.
Renew old realms in discipline of truth.
Men die misled.
Lo ! let Thy streams of life immortal heal
Hate and revolt ; rather Thy Way reveal.

P. B. C.

THE BLESSING

*All remain
standing.*

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the splendour of the Eternal Light, drive from your hearts all darkness, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and upon all your work done in His Name, now and always. *Amen.*

HYMN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run ;
Alleluia, Alleluia.
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
Alleluia.
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.
Alleluia.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns ;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains ;
Alleluia.
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
Alleluia.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King ;
Alleluia.
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.
Alleluia.